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What is claimed is:

- 1. A method of treating an individual with cancer with a therapeutic anti-leukemia inhibitory factor (LIF) antibody comprising determining a level of LIF that exceeds a reference level in a biological sample from the individual, and administering a therapeutic amount of the anti-LIF antibody to the individual when the level of LIF is greater than the reference level of LIF.
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic anti-LIF antibody comprises:
 - a) an immunoglobulin heavy chain complementarity determining region 1 (VH-CDR1) comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOs: 1-3;
 - b) an immunoglobulin heavy chain complementarity determining region 2 (VH-CDR2) comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOs: 4 or 5;
 - c) an immunoglobulin heavy chain complementarity determining region 3 (VH-CDR3) comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOs: 6-8;
 - d) an immunoglobulin light chain complementarity determining region 1 (VL-CDR1) comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOs: 9 or 10;

- e) an immunoglobulin light chain complementarity determining region 2 (VL-CDR2) comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOs: 11 or 12; and
- f) an immunoglobulin light chain complementarity determining region 3 (VL-CDR3) comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 13.
- 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the therapeutic anti-LIF antibody comprises an immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region comprising at least 85%, 90%, 95%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or 100% identity to SEQ ID NOs: 14, 15, 17, or 38 and an immunoglobulin light chain variable region comprising at least 85%, 90%, 95%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or 100% identity to SEQ ID NO: 18-21.
- **4**. The method of claim **3**, wherein the therapeutic anti-LIF antibody comprises an immunoglobulin heavy chain region comprising at least 85%, 90%, 95%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or 100% identity to SEQ ID NOs: 30-33 or 39, and an immunoglobulin light chain region comprising at least 85%, 90%, 95%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or 100% identity to SEQ ID NOs: 34-37.
- **5**. The method of any one of claims **1** to **4**, wherein the therapeutic anti-LIF antibody is an IgG antibody comprising two immunoglobulin heavy chains and two immunoglobulin light chains.